

§ 183.130 Alternative standards.

(a) A vessel, other than a high speed craft, of not more than 19.8 meters (65 feet) in length carrying not more than 12 passengers, may comply with the following requirements instead of complying with the requirements of this part in their entirety:

- (1) Section 183.420; and
- (2) The following American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) Projects where applicable:
 - (i) E-8, "Alternating Current (AC) Electrical Systems on Boats;"
 - (ii) E-9, "Direct Current (DC) Electrical Systems on Boats;" and
 - (iii) A-16, "Electrical Navigation Lights."

(b) A vessel with an electrical installation operating at less than 50 volts may meet the requirements in 33 CFR 183.430 instead of those in § 183.340 of this part.

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Subpart B—General Requirements**§ 183.200 General design, installation, and maintenance requirements.**

Electrical equipment on a vessel must be installed and maintained to:

- (a) Provide services necessary for safety under normal and emergency conditions;
- (b) Protect passengers, crew, other persons, and the vessel from electrical hazards, including fire, caused by or originating in electrical equipment, and electrical shock;
- (c) Minimize accidental personnel contact with energized parts; and
- (d) Prevent electrical ignition of flammable vapors.

§ 183.210 Protection from wet and corrosive environments.

- (a) Electrical equipment used in the following locations must be dripproof:
 - (1) A machinery space;
 - (2) A location normally exposed to splashing, water washdown, or other wet conditions within a galley, a laundry, or a public washroom or toilet room that has a bath or shower; or
 - (3) Another space with a similar moisture level.

(b) Electrical equipment exposed to the weather must be watertight.

(c) Electrical equipment exposed to corrosive environments must be of suitable construction and corrosion-resistant.

§ 183.220 General safety provisions.

(a) Electrical equipment and installations must be suitable for the roll, pitch, and vibration of the vessel underway.

(b) All equipment, including switches, fuses, lampholders, etc., must be suitable for the voltage and current utilized.

(c) Receptacle outlets of the type providing a grounded pole or a specific direct current polarity must be of a configuration that will not permit improper connection.

(d) All electrical equipment and circuits must be clearly marked and identified.

(e) Any cabinet, panel, box, or other enclosure containing more than one source of power must be fitted with a sign warning persons of this condition and identifying the circuits to be disconnected.

Subpart C—Power Sources and Distribution Systems**§ 183.310 Power sources.**

(a)(1) Each vessel that relies on electricity to power the following loads must be arranged so that the loads can be energized from two sources of electricity:

- (i) The vital systems listed in § 182.710 of this chapter;
- (ii) Interior lighting except for decorative lights;
- (iii) Communication systems including a public address system required under § 184.610 of this chapter; and
- (iv) Navigation equipment and lights.

(2) A vessel with batteries of adequate capacity to supply the loads specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section for three hours, and a generator or alternator driven by a propulsion engine, complies with the requirement in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) Where a ship service generator driven by a propulsion engine is used as a source of electrical power, a vessel speed change, throttle movement or